



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

December 18, 2018

The Honorable Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor of New Hampshire  
107 North Main Street  
State House - Room 208  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

OFFICE OF THE  
ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Governor Sununu:

Thank you for your Aug. 22, 2018, letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency detailing the increase in vector-borne diseases like Lyme disease and the profound impact that these diseases have on humans, animals, and the economy, especially in your state of New Hampshire. In your letter, you urge the EPA to accelerate its review of the new active ingredient nootkatone, which might help reduce the incidence of these diseases.

As you are aware, the EPA currently has an action under review for nootkatone. The application has a Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) decision due date of February 11, 2019, and the EPA is working to reach a decision by that deadline. The application, however, is for a manufacturing-use product only, the sole purpose of which is for use in the manufacturing of potential pesticide end-use (consumer) products, such as those that control or repel insects that may carry vector-borne diseases. Those consumer products would, in turn, also require federal registration.

The EPA has not received an application for a consumer product containing the active ingredient, nootkatone. Should the EPA receive an application for pesticide registration of a new consumer product containing nootkatone, that submission will be subject to the statutory review time allocated under PRIA.

Please know that the EPA views efforts to enhance control options for public health pests to be a high priority and will work as expeditiously as possible to complete the regulatory review process on any applications submitted for registration and issue a decision within the designated time allotted under PRIA, provided that those products meet the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act standard for registration.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact me or your staff may contact Troy Lyons, Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, at (202) 564-5200 or Lyons.Troy@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Andrew R. Wheeler  
Acting Administrator





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December 18, 2018

OFFICE OF THE  
ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas  
P.O. Box 12548  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Abbott:

Thank you for your letter, dated October 31, 2018, to U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao and me, regarding the proposed Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles rule.

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OFFICE OF THE  
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The Honorable Jeff Colyer  
Governor of Kansas  
300 SW 10th Avenue  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Governor Colyer:

Thank you for your letter, dated October 31, 2018, to U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao and me, regarding the proposed Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles rule.

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December 18, 2018

OFFICE OF THE  
ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Matthew G. Bevin  
Governor of Kentucky  
700 Capitol Avenue, Room 100  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Governor Bevin:

Thank you for your letter, dated October 31, 2018, to U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao and me, regarding the proposed Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles rule.

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December 18, 2018

OFFICE OF THE  
ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Paul R. LePage  
Governor of Maine  
1 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Governor LePage:

Thank you for your letter, dated October 31, 2018, to U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao and me, regarding the proposed Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles rule.

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December 18, 2018

OFFICE OF THE  
ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Phil Bryant  
Governor of Mississippi  
111 East Capitol Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Dear Governor Bryant:

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December 18, 2018

OFFICE OF THE  
ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Pete Ricketts  
Governor of Nebraska  
P.O. Box 94922  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509

Dear Governor Ricketts:

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OFFICE OF THE  
ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Doug Burgum  
Governor of North Dakota  
600 East Boulevard  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

Dear Governor Burgum:

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December 18, 2018

OFFICE OF THE  
ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Mary Fallin  
Governor of Oklahoma  
2300 N. Lincoln Boulevard  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Governor Fallin:

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Acting Administrator



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

State House  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903-1196  
401-222-2080

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

December 10, 2018

United States Environmental Protection Agency  
ATTN: Mr. Andrew R. Wheeler, Acting Administrator  
William Jefferson Clinton Building  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. Mail Code: 1101A  
Washington, D.C. 20460

**RE: State of Rhode Island Letter of Intent – WIIN Grant,  
Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water**

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Please allow this correspondence to serve as the State of Rhode Island's letter of intent to participate in the Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water grant being administered pursuant to the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act in response to your invitation dated September 21, 2018.

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) is hereby appointed to administer this program on behalf of the State of Rhode Island. Within the Department of Health, the Center for Drinking Water Quality oversees the State drinking water program and enforces the Safe Drinking Water Act in its capacity as primacy agency for the Environmental Protection Agency in the State of Rhode Island.

The point of contact for this project will be the RIDOH Director Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, MPH. Dr. Alexander-Scott is duly authorized to carry out the necessary actions to execute and fulfill any additional requirements on behalf of the State of Rhode Island with respect to the Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water grant, including preparation and submission of the applicable grant proposal.

Correspondence regarding this matter may be mailed to Dr. Alexander-Scott's attention at the Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Dr. Alexander-Scott's telephone number is (401) 222-1018 and her email address is [nicole.alexanderscott@health.ri.gov](mailto:nicole.alexanderscott@health.ri.gov).

On behalf of the State of Rhode Island, please allow me to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to participate in this initiative.

Sincerely,

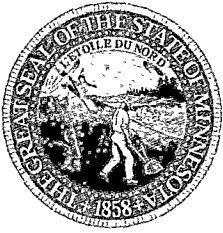


Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor



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# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Office of Governor Mark Dayton

130 State Capitol ♦ 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard ♦ Saint Paul, MN 55155

December 20, 2018

Andrew Wheeler  
Acting Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of the Administrator 1101A  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Acting Administrator Wheeler:

The state of Minnesota is submitting this *Notice of Intent to Participate* in your new grant program for lead testing in schools and child care facilities authorized by the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act or "WIIN Act" of 2016. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has primacy for implementing the Safe Drinking Water Act and is responsible for ensuring that safe drinking water is available to everyone, everywhere in Minnesota. Therefore, MDH will be the state agency with primary responsibility for implementing the WIIN Act grant in Minnesota.

I appreciate the ongoing commitment of the Environmental Protection Agency to support the work of states to protect schoolchildren from lead. Lead in water continues to be a problem in Minnesota, and ensuring that children have access to safe water at school is critical. The MDH is responsible for providing safe and reliable drinking water to all Minnesotans. To support school districts and parents, the Department provides technical guidance for testing water and mitigating student exposure.

We look forward to working with your agency to gather this important data on lead in schools to reduce the lifelong negative impacts of lead exposure to children. Questions regarding WIIN efforts in Minnesota should be directed to Tom Hogan, Director of the Environmental Health Division at MDH at 651-201-4675 or [tom.hogan@state.mn.us](mailto:tom.hogan@state.mn.us).

Sincerely,

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Mark Dayton  
Governor

cc: Jan Malcolm, Commissioner, MDH





## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

207 STATE HOUSE  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706

**BRUCE RAUNER**  
GOVERNOR

December 29, 2018

Andrew R. Wheeler  
Acting Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20460

RE: Notice of Intent to Participate in WIIN Grant Program

Dear Administrator Wheeler:

The State of Illinois herewith confirms its intent to participate in EPA's program to provide grants to states for testing drinking water for lead, pursuant to authorization under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN). The state agency responsible for this program will be the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

IDPH Contact: Ken McCann  
Chief, Environmental Health  
Office of Health Protection  
525 West Jefferson Street  
Springfield, IL 62761  
[Ken.Mccann@illinois.gov](mailto:Ken.Mccann@illinois.gov)  
217-782-5830

Sincerely,

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Bruce Rauner  
Governor, State of Illinois

Cc: Ken McCann



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 6  
1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200  
DALLAS, TEXAS 75202 – 2733

Office of the Regional Administrator

December 20, 2018

The Honorable Susana Martinez  
Governor of New Mexico  
State Capitol, Room 400  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Governor Martinez:

Thank you for your letter of November 19, 2018, requesting the full amount of Fiscal Year 2019 pass-through funds (40% of available funding) allocated under the Clean Water Act, Section 604(b) be directed to the New Mexico Environment Department for water quality planning.

It is my understanding that NMED completed the appropriate steps to satisfy the consultation requirements of the CWA, Section 205(j)(3). According to your letter, the request for quotes (RFQ) to undertake water quality-related efforts in New Mexico was made available to the public on September 10, 2018 through October 10, 2018. In addition, the RFQ was distributed via NMED's website and extensively by email to interested entities. Since NMED did not receive any eligible proposals, EPA approves your request to make the funds available to NMED. An application and work plan must be submitted for review and upon approval, our office will move forward with the grant award process as funding is made available to EPA, Region 6.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at (214) 665-2100, or your staff may contact Ms. Carmen Assunto, State and Local Government Liaison, at (214) 665-2200.

Sincerely,

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Anne L. Idsal  
Regional Administrator





UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 8

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Denver, CO 80202-1129  
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DEC 19 2018

The Honorable Steve Bullock  
Governor of Montana  
State Capitol  
Helena, MT 59620-0801

Dear Governor Bullock:

Thank you for your letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, dated November 15, 2018, outlining your concerns related to funding operations and maintenance (O&M) at the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site in Lincoln County, Montana, and specifically, the availability of remaining EPA-held remedial action funds for that purpose.

As discussed at a meeting on November 29, 2018, in Libby, Montana, which included County Commissioner Mark Peck and the Director of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's Superfund Program, Jenny Chambers, I personally committed to holding EPA's remaining remedial action funds to be available for the State of Montana and Lincoln County, if other currently available and planned funding resources are insufficient to meet the costs of O&M.

Any funding from EPA to support O&M will require an application outlining the scope of work and budget. EPA looks forward to continuing to work with all stakeholders to develop the specifics of an O&M plan for the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (303) 312-6532.

Sincerely,

Douglas H. Benevento  
Regional Administrator

cc: Mark Peck, Lincoln County Commissioner  
Jerry Bennett, Lincoln County Commissioner  
Mike Cole, Lincoln County Commissioner  
Jenny Chambers, Montana DEQ